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November 14, 2001

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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Sliver 3-4,
S/001/057, Beaver County, Utah

Dear Mr. Penney:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations received via facsimile on November 9, 2001. The proposed Sliver 3-4 Project is located in the SW1/4 of Section 17, T29S R9W, SLBM, Beaver County, Utah. This site was formerly permitted as part of the Sliver 1-4 project (file number S/001/035). That project has now been split into two separate permits, the Sliver 1-2 will remain under file number S/001/035 and is located in the SE1/4 of Section 20, T29S, R9W. The permit application fee was received for this new permit on July 16, 2001. The small mine application is considered complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time. You may commence with your mining operations as outlined, provided you have satisfied the requirements and received written acceptance from the Bureau of Land Management.

In accordance with rule R647-3-105 regarding the project location, the areas to be disturbed should be plotted on a map in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground. It is also required that the operator mark the proposed (5 acre or less) disturbed area boundary (including access/haul roads) in the field with metal T-Posts (or with some other marker of equal effectiveness). Markers must be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(1)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 1998, the fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention, and annually thereafter. Small Mining Notices require a \$100.00 annual fee.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is

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very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Munson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Munson
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: SMO-1 summary
cc: Ed Ginouves, BLM, Cedar City FO (UTU-?)
file number S/001/035
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